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1. On 8 September 1953, when VILLAR (fnu),¹ a member of the Brazilian Communist Party and the Secretariat of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL), met with members of the National Executive Committee (CEN) of the Partido del Pueblo (PDP, People's Party - Communist), he revealed that he had visited Europe, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, and Venezuela, prior to arriving in Panama. He stated that he intended to go to Costa Rica from Panama and then to Guatemala to prepare a report on that country for transmittal to Europe.² VILLAR stated that he then planned to go to Mexico, to depart for Europe with members of the CTAL Secretariat to attend the Third World Congress of Trade Unions in Vienna.
2. VILLAR's discussion with PDP leaders was concerned with the labor-union movement throughout Latin America. He criticized this movement in general, stating that the activity in individual countries was of an excessively "local" nature, in which no grasp or recognition of the international aspects and importance of labor-union activity existed. VILLAR stated that local Communist parties and labor groups are too preoccupied with their own relatively unimportant local problems either to comprehend the far greater political importance of the international labor-union movement or to devote more of their energy to promoting the interests of this movement. In criticizing these weaknesses in local organizations throughout Latin America, VILLAR mentioned leaders such as LOMBARDO in Mexico, QUINTERO in Venezuela, who broke with the existing Communist Party to set up his own conception of such a party and was later expelled, and an Argentine leader who fell from grace in the party because of his inopportune efforts to kowtow to Peronism. VILLAR indicated that such individuals are useful in certain ways, but that they fail to adhere continuously to the Russian concept of Communist procedures and methods.
3. VILLAR also criticized some of the more powerful Latin American Communist Parties, such as those in Cuba, Chile, and Brazil, as being insufficiently interested in the problems of weaker parties in other Latin American countries and as being remiss in lending assistance to the latter. He stated that this matter was discussed at a

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meeting following the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in October 1952, at which time the three countries named were urged to take an interest in the problems of the less affluent parties in other Latin American countries and were called upon to lend their co-operation and aid wherever and whenever needed.

4. In connection with the above discussion, VILLAR suggested that members of the PDP might be given the opportunity to travel to Brazil for study and instruction in Party schools in that country. Conversely, members or agents of the Brazilian Communist Party might be sent to Panama to work with and assist the local Party. In addition, VILLAR made an offer under which funds might be made available to the PDP through the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), to assist in furthering Communist aims and activities in the Republic of Panama. The amount of such funds was to be a matter for further discussion based upon the requirements of the PDP..
5. The PDP leaders who met with VILLAR made no commitments in connection with the latter's offers. However, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the CEN at a special meeting to be held on 16 September 1953. VILLAR would be advised by letter of the final decision of the committee. This information would be furnished to VILLAR prior to the Third World Congress of the WFTU and would include data as to how VILLAR's offers can best be applied to the PDP and suggestions as to how any funds accepted by the PDP can most appropriately be delivered.

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1. Comment. This person was identified as Lourival Costa VILLAR, Brazilian CTAL leader.

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